

From Values to Support: Exploring Intergenerational Family Life in Taiwan with PSFD Data

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This talk showcases the diverse applications of the Panel Study of Family Dynamics (PSFD), a rich data resource for examining family change and cultural transitions in Taiwan. The first example draws on five generational cohorts to trace shifts in family values over two decades. Findings suggest a softening of traditional norms—particularly among younger generations—while emotional intimacy within families remains consistently valued. The second study uses dyadic reports from parents and their adult children to explore how beliefs about family roles and mutual support are formed. The results indicate that reciprocal exchanges, rather than role modeling, better explain how support is transmitted across generations. Emotional bonding and everyday caregiving emerge as more enduring forms of intergenerational connection than financial transfers. Together, these studies highlight PSFD's strengths: its longitudinal design, multigenerational structure, and capacity to link psychological constructs with sociocultural trends. This short talk will also share additional user experiences with PSFD, including its unique features, practical applications, and both the advantages and limitations of using it as a research tool.